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(b) whether the Industries department have made any recommendation as to what would be a suitable centre, and what the cost would be for starting an experimental factory for making porcelain ware?

A.—(a) The Director of Industries was asked to examine and report on the recommendation.

(b) The answer is in the negative, as Government subsequently decided not to start an experimental factory for financial reasons.

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—"In view of the fact that the decision was arrived at three years ago, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider the desirability of reconsidering the question of including the item in the next budget?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I am prepared to consider the suggestion for what it is worth."

Work turned out by the department of sericulture.

* 463 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when a separate department of sericulture was created; and

(b) what the nature of work turned out by the department till now is?

A.—(a) There is no separate department of sericulture. A sericultural branch in the Department of Agriculture was created in 1919 originally.

(b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the annual administration reports of the Department of Industries, which are placed at the disposal of the Press.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know, Sir, whether any officer of the Industries department was deputed by this Government to make a special study of this branch of industry in Japan and other countries?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"An officer has gone to Japan."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Has that officer submitted any report on his work in Japan?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I believe so; if the hon. Member wants further information, I want notice."

Grants and loans paid to indigenous industrial concerns since 1925.

* 464 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) what the amounts are of grants and loans sanctioned and paid to indigenous industrial concerns and other private industries in this province in each year since 1925;